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SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" Is not the officer who granted this loan in violation of rules and procedure liable for punishment, and what action are the Government going to take against him?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" On a mistaken basis it was thought that the land belonged to the applicant and the loan was given. He had not acquired full rights. Hon. Members know there are many degrees of ownership according to the law. The authorities thought that the applicant had full rights but it was not so."

SRI M. SUBBA REDDI :—" ఈ మోసం కాంగ్రెసా ? లేక కమ్యూనిస్టాండి ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I do not know that, Sir."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" తన భూమి కాదని తెలిసికూడా ప్రభుత్వంకు తన భూమి అని చెప్పి లోన్ తెచ్చుకోవడం, ప్రభుత్వాన్ని మోసముచేయడము, తనకు ఎంత భూమి ఉన్నదిన్ని తెలిసికూడా ప్రభుత్వాన్ని మోసము చేయుటకు ప్రయత్నించడము, అనే విషయము స్పష్టమయినప్పుడు ప్రభుత్వం అతనిమీద ఎందుకు చర్యతీసుకొనలేదో ప్రభుత్వంవారు చెప్పెదరా ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The applicant thought he was fully entitled to the land, but all the formalities were not completed to make him fully entitled to the land, and so there was a mistake."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" Are we to think that the mistakes and irregularities committed by officers would go unnoticed even though they are culprits? " 11 a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The Revenue Minister is worried with legal questions, Sir. The mistake of the officer is different from the mistake of the party. The party who applied thought he was the owner; but the Government found that he was not the owner. The case is a very simple one. If the matter is taken to the Court, the Court will certainly acquit him."

SRI R. SIDDANNA GOWD :—" Sanctioning authorities యీ revenue accounts, settlement register మొదలయునవి చూడకుండా యీ విషయము ఎట్లు dispose of చేసినారు ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" It is only after looking into the matter referred to by the hon. Member that we are now taking steps to recover the amount."

Preventive Detention Act.

* 103 *Q.*—SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Central Government have sent any circular giving certain directives in regard to implementing the Preventive Detention Act, which comes into force from October 1, 1952; and

(*b*) if so, what they are?

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Instructions purely of administrative character have been received but it is not in the public interest nor is this Government at liberty to publish them."

SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO :—" ముఖ్య మంత్రి శ్రీ రాజగోపాలాచారిగారు ప్రజలు ప్రభుత్వాన్ని suspect చేయరాదనిన్ని వారిలో trust ఉంచాలని చెప్పి విజ్ఞప్తులు చేస్తూ ఉంటారు. కాని వారు మాత్రం ప్రజలను trust చేయరు. ఇది ప్రజలు అందరికీ తెలియచెప్పినట్లయితే యీ నిర్బంధ విధానమునకు గురికాకుండా జాగ్రత్తపడుదురుగదా ?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, continuing yesterday's debate, the hon. Member asks me to drop suspicion. I am quite prepared to do so; but the Government of India have marked this as 'secret'."

SRI V. V. RAMASAMI :—" May I know whether the Hon. Chief Minister would retain the power of issuing warrants under the Preventive Detention Act to himself and not leave it to the concerned department?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" I wish to know how the present question by the hon. Member arises. The question under discussion refers to the instructions issued by the Central Government to the State Governments."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Does this Act have the support of the Government of Madras?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" When a Bill is introduced in Parliament, they do not wait for the support of the Government of Madras."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" ప్రధాన మంత్రి శ్రీ రాజగోపాలాచారిగారు అక్కడ Central Government నుండి 'secret' అని వచ్చింది కాబట్టి దాన్ని ప్రచురించుటకు వీలులేదని అంటున్నారు గదా, అటువంటి విషయములో Central Government ను secret అనేదిగా లేకుండా చేయమని కోరుతారా ?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I wish to consider the suggestion and may I also give the information that I have already communicated my views on the subject."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Were the Government of Madras consulted by the Central Government before passing the Preventive Detention Act?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, it is usual when law and order matters are taken up in Parliament to consult the States and I presume they must have consulted the Government of Madras also. I was not in office at that time."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAY :—" Have the Government of Madras approved those directives? Or have they submitted any representation to the Government of India asking them to change the directives?"

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The directives, as I have already said, are purely of an administrative nature. Our approval does not at all arise."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" The Hon. Chief Minister says the instructions are purely of an administrative nature. Do they relate only to transfers of prisoners and issuing of warrants? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" They relate to every section under the Act, as passed by the Parliament. To be more or less uniform in its operation in various States, each section has been carefully explained and the Government of India have issued certain instructions to the States in regard to them. There is no going outside the law in this matter."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Are these instructions supposed to be binding on Courts? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The instructions have nothing to do with Courts. The instructions deal with only what the State Governments have to do."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" As this Preventive Detention Act is likely to put in jeopardy the individual freedom of citizens, have this Government of Madras taken the view of the Madras Civil Liberties Union in this matter? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I assure the hon. Member that the liberties of the people of Madras will not be in jeopardy as long as they do not commit any offence." (Laughter.)

Sale of culinary essences.

* 104 *Q.*—JANAB M. S. MOGRAL: Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any report to the effect that a large part of the stocks of culinary essences has gone underground and is being still illicitly disposed of to consumers at blackmarket rates; and

(*b*) if so, what steps the Government propose to take in this matter?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" (*a*) No. Sir. It is however possible that some stock might have gone underground in view of the recent restrictions imposed on the sale of these essences. No reports have been received relating to their sales at blackmarket prices.

" (*b*) Does not arise."